

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-21 and 23-27 are pending in the present application.

The claims have been amended to define (a) an insulation product composed of mineral fibers comprising the polycarboxylic acid and polyamine as the sizing composition on those fibers; and/or (b) a method of manufacturing an insulation product comprising applying a sizing composition of polycarboxylic acid and polyamine to mineral fibers and treating that under conditions (e.g., heat) to cure the sizing composition on the mineral fibers.

Support is found in original claims 1-23 and pages 6-13 of the specification.

The objected Claims 4-6 and 8-23 due to improper multiple dependencies is no longer present in the claims presented here. The other objections and rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph noted on pages 2 and 3 of the Official Action have also been addressed in the claim amendments submitted here.

Applicants again ask acceptance of the Declaration as previously filed. While the Action indicates that non-initialed and dated changes are present, this is not the case. The address changes are initialed and dated as of October 21, 2005. See the snapshots of the changed portions of the Declaration as filed with a circle surrounding and an arrow pointing to the initials and dates:

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The rejection of Claim 1-3 and 6-7 in view of U.S. Patent 6,171,444 to Nigam is no longer applicable to the claims as presented here. Nigam teaches to a size for paper manufacture and includes in that sizing agent, polycarboxylic acid and polyamines. (See columns 7-8 as an example).

The claims of the present application are to (a) an insulation product composed of mineral fibers comprising the polycarboxylic acid and polyamine as the sizing composition on those fibers; and/or (b) a method of manufacturing an insulation product comprising applying a sizing composition of polycarboxylic acid and polyamine to mineral fibers and treating that under conditions (e.g., heat) to cure the sizing composition on the mineral fibers. Nigam neither describes nor suggests such products or methods.

Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

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Allowance of the claims is requested.

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